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| In re Application of Martin MOSQUET, et al.    | ) | Art Unit:         | TBA      |
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| Serial No.: TBA                                | ) | Confirmation No.: | TBA      |
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| I.A. App.: PCT/FR03/01046 filed April 3, 2003  | ) | Docket No.:       | IXAS-147 |
|  | ) |                   |          |
| For: Composition for Curing Mortar or Concrete | ) | Customer No.:     | 21832    |
| Mixtures, Ensuring Water Retention (During     | ) |                   |          |
| Setting), and Method Therefor                  | ) |                   |          |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.